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Lebanon

Lebanon will resume the talks at Al-Naqurah on 15 November following the "fruitful efforts" of UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, an official source announced in a statement reported by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon on 14 November. Meanwhile, Israel has released three of the four Shi'ite leaders arrested in southern Lebanon, according to Jerusalem radio. The fourth leader, Muhammad Faqih, is still being held, a Jerusalem radio report stated.

As for U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's recent visit to Beirut, Prime Minister Rashid Karami disclosed that the U.S. envoy conveyed a report on a possible Israeli withdrawal "sooner than was expected, given specific arrangements," Beirut radio reported. Meanwhile, Murphy discussed Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. Murphy also conveyed a message from President Reagan thanking Al-Asad for the latter's congratulations on Reagan's reelection.

In another development, Minister of State for Southern Affairs and Reconstruction Nabih Birri revealed in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio that the Lebanese Cabinet will shortly take steps to deploy the Army on the coastal road, and use the 6th Brigade to restore order in West Beirut. The Cabinet will also discuss the appointment of a chief of staff, he said.

PLO

Jordan's King Husayn welcomed the decision to convene the PNC in Amman during a briefing by PLO leaders, PETRA-JNA reported. According to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio, 230 PNC members have agreed to participate in the 22 November session. However, Fatah dissident leader Colonel Sa'id Musa Muragha claimed that two-thirds of the PNC members will not participate, Radio Monte Carlo disclosed. Noting that a Democratic Alliance delegation was going to Tunis for consultations with the Fatah Central Committee, a DFLP source cited by the radio said that discussions will include preparation for a dialogue and "agreement on the date and venue of the PNC session in a manner that would safeguard Palestinian unity." A PFLP official supported PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum's call for a dialogue, maintaining that the place and date set for the PNC by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat serves neither Palestinian interests nor the revolution, the radio added. Meanwhile, invitations to the PNC session in Amman have been accepted by Egyptian parties and personalities, according to MENA.

Libya-Chad

In the OAU debate on Chad, Libyan Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Salam al-Turayki claimed that the Aozou Strip is an integral part of Libyan territory, PANA reported. Furthermore, Al-Turayki called for a meeting of all Chadian factions on the basis of the 1979 Lagos Accords which created the GUNT (Transitional National Unity Government), later overthrown by President Hissein Habre. Meanwhile, Chadian authorities rejected French and Libyan claims that Libyan forces have been completely withdrawn from northern Chad, according to AFP, and charged that Libya has left its Fada garrison intact. "Informed sources" cited by AFP said that Chadian claims that the Libyans are building a runway at Ouadi Doum are based on U.S. satellite photos.

Iran

The Foreign Ministry denied Western media claims that Iran wants to delay a UN fact-finding mission's visit to POW camps in Iran, Tehran radio announced, adding that the ministry stated that the UN mission, which had been invited to Iran following the Gorgan POW camp incident, should first go to Iraq to investigate the condition of Iranian POW's. The statement accused Iraq of raising the Gorgan camp issue to divert attention from the inclusion of Iraq's use of chemical weapons on the UN agenda.

As for the trial of the Tudeh Party leaders, the Clandestine National Voice of Iran charged that it has been postponed because torture by the regime has "eliminated" some of the imprisoned cadres and has affected others so badly that their mere presence would convict the regime's leaders.

Afghanistan

Soviet and DRA Government troops massacred more than 450 disarmed rebels at Hezarajot about 4 weeks ago, according to Western diplomatic sources in New Delhi cited by AFP. The rebels were shot after being forced to surrender when their ammunition ran out, the sources said.

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Interior Minister Assesses Balkh Province Sarandoy

LD102334 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Excerpt] A meeting to assess security affairs in Balkh Province's sarandoy [Soviet-trained militia] was held in that command today. It was attended by Interior Minister Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy and by the head of the northern zone, the secretary of the provincial party committee, and the governor of Balkh Province.

At the beginning of the meeting, the commandant of Balkh Province's sarandoy presented a comprehensive report on security and combat activities of the units and companies of Balkh Province's sarandoy command. He reported on consolidating the state's sovereignty in localities, exposing the nests of counterrevolutionaries, and crushing rebels during the past 7 months.

During the meeting, the interior minister pointed out the momentous responsibilities of the commanders and deputy political heads of the units and companies of the sarandoy command of Balkh Province to maintain security in light of the resolutions of the 13th and 14th plenums of the PDPA Central Committee and the valuable guidance of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

DYOA Message Urges Youth To Join Armed Forces

LD140033 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Excerpts] The message of the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan [DYOA] Central Committee addressed to the courageous and patriotic youth of the country:

Courageous and fighting youth of the country; sons of nationalities, tribes, and patriotic clans of Afghanistan:

The national and democratic April revolution, which took place for the prosperity, tranquillity, and progress of our beloved homeland, Afghanistan, by the determination and bravery of the courageous working people of Afghanistan, sent away from our beautiful and proud land, feudal landlords, usurers, and all those who for many years had been collecting wealth undeservedly from our working people, those who unashamedly and impudently trampled on the principles of Islamic shari'a and the national tradition of our working Muslim people, and had been imposing on our people their oppressive despotism.

As a result of the April revolution, the homeland is increasingly becoming prosperous; thousands of youth are engaged in learning inside and outside of the country, and they are being prepared for the construction and building of a new society in our country.

Courageous and conscientious youth of the country:

In order to reach the final, lofty objectives which bring about tranquility and genuine prosperity for the people, the April revolution needs living, courageous, and brave forces who could take position on its evolutionary line and relentlessly implement its duties.

Post revolution years in our country indicate that our heroic Armed Forces are continuously becoming more powerful and have achieved new victories. They have carried out duties for the defense of the homeland, people, and crushing of the counterrevolutionary bands; they are gaining eternal honors. In the forefront of these forces are the militant members of the DYOA and youth of the country under the brave leadership of the PDPA. Despite this, our Armed Forces require new and fresh forces. Take action to meet the need of the DRA heroic Armed Forces with unlimited power, infallible determination, able hands, and highest patriotic feelings.

Under the present circumstances, the most sacred duty for all patriotic youth of the country — workers, peasants, students, pupils, and young employees — is to join the ranks of the DRA Armed Forces and take up arms to defend the gains of their revolution.

Our youth must know that their prosperity and the people's prosperity need full and complete security in the country for a peaceful and educational atmosphere, as well as prosperity for the families of our workers. There is no alternative path; we must work more than at any other time for the restoration of security and a calm atmosphere in the country. We must eliminate those who disrupt order and peace in our life.

The country is yours and its future also belong to you. Tighten your ranks around the DYOA; join the ranks of social order brigades, self-defense and civil defense groups; harshly continue your fight and courageous struggle for the restoration of security; foil every counterrevolutionary conspiracy; with the assistance of the security organs, capture and expose counterrevolutionaries, these enemies of people; continuously complete the fighting ranks of the DRA Armed Forces; and earnestly discharge the sacred duty of military service as a sign of manhood.

The counterrevolutionaries who under the blows of our patriotic youth have been crushed to pieces and now are merely in small terrorist groups are embarking on explosion and subversion and creation of fear and anxiety among the people.

Your hands united in the PDPA and your joining the ranks of the Armed Forces will make imminent the elimination of the counterrevolutionaries.

Fighting and conscientious youth:

Join the ranks of the DYOA for the accomplishment of your duties and mission vis-a-vis the homeland and revolution, for the tranquillity of the working Muslim people of the country, and for the realization of the aspirations of our beloved party — the PDPA — and the glorious April revolution. From now on with high patriotic spirit link your destiny with people and revolution. We will further tighten our ranks and every one of us, wherever we are, will fight for the restoration of security and durable peace in the country. Our path is righteous and our struggle is just. Victory is ours.

Cuban Delegation Welcomed by Shafi'i

LD130039 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] A delegation from the Committee for Defense of the [Cuban]Revolution, led by (Baro Keleoredis), member of the Committee for Defense of the Revolution and secretary of the Provincial Committee of Sancti Spiritus Province, who arrived in Kabul today, met with Bareq Shafi'i, first vice chairman of the Central Council of the DRA NFF [National Fatherland Front], and heads of central departments of the NFF. According to another report the delegation from the Committee for Defense of the Revolution today went to Martyrs Hill and laid a wreath of flowers there.

(Thomas Nilson), [name indistinct], and (Estanislao Roqelo), members of the bureau of the Committee for Defense of the Revolution of the Cuban Republic, arrived in Kabul today for a friendly and official visit at the invitation of the NFF Central Council.

At Kabul International Airport the delegation was welcomed by Bareq Shafi'i, member of the PDPA Central Committee and first vice chairman of the NFF Central Council, members of the NFF, and the Cuban ambassador in Kabul.

CTK Cites Afghan Commander on Successes

LD122129 Prague CTK in English 1813 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Kabul Nov 12 (CTK correspondent) — Afghan Armed Forces control the entire territory of the strategically important district of Panjsher and nip in the bud every attempt of bandits to restore terrorist bases in the area, Commander of the Afghan Central Zone Nematullah has said in an interview to CTK.

The Panjsher valley, some 100 kilometres north-east of Kabul, had been until last April the last strong base of bandits inside Afghanistan. Resolute operations of the Afghan Army rid the valley of counter-revolutionaries and created conditions for gradual return to normal life.

Anti-state groups are trying to penetrate Panjsher [word indistinct] from Pakistan via the southern foothills of the Hindu Kush. But Army operations thwart all of their attempts. Terrorist units have no military base in the Panjsher district at this time and the Afghan command has ample means to secure law and order in the area also in the future, Nematullah said.

Afghan state bodies cooperate with the local population in normalizing the situation in the Panjsher valley, Nematullah continued.

Roads are being repaired, part of the irrigation system, badly damaged by bandits, is in operation again. In the district town of Anawa and other towns, schools have reopened, medical centres operate and buildings of administrative organs have been repaired. A main task of district authorities is the formation of home guards to help secure order, the commander of the central zone told CTK.

Rebel Operations in Takhar Province Crushed

LD121758 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari and Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] A BAKHTAR correspondent, quoting a source in Takhar Province's security forces, reports that as a result of successful operations by the brave security forces in Chahab, Yangi Qal'a and Rostaq Districts, 160 people, including four ringleaders of the criminal and murderous Islami band, were captured and a number of the criminals were crushed.

The security forces seized five DShK's, two mortars, three recoilless rifles, 76 surface-to-surface missiles, one [word indistinct] gun, one ZK-1, 12 U.S. heavy machine guns, seven rocket-launchers, 187 assorted weapons such as Egyptian and Chinese Kalashnikovs, (Markol) and British .303 rifles, 120 antipersonnel mines, 18 antitank mines, 140 mortar shells, 164 recoilless rifle rounds, 4,000 DShK rounds, 400 ZK-1 rounds, 10,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, and one communications set.

At the end of operations, the people of Takhar Province, expressing profound resentment and hatred against the treacherous and barbaric rebel actions, inspected arms which had been sent to our country by the imperialist countries, led by the United States, and which had been seized from the murderous rebel bands. They thanked the militant security forces who are crushing and eliminating rebel bands for the sake of people's prosperity and well-being.

Clandestine Radio Reports Mujahidin Operations

GF130830 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Pashto 1700 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] On 2 November our Muslim mujahidin broke a cordon set up by the Soviet occupationist forces and the Karmal mercenaries. This group of our Muslim mujahidin were surrounded by the enemy soldiers in the mountains of Farah Province.

In an attack against the surrounding enemy forces, the mujahidin broke the encirclement, inflicting heavy losses of men and material on the enemy. The mujahidin destroyed 14 enemy tanks and killed or wounded many Soviet and Karmal mercenary soldiers.

In another action the Muslim mujahidin in another coordinated attack near the capital of Badghis Province hit several enemy posts. These attacks lasted several days during which the mujahidin captured 365 small arms and 15 heavy weapons and (?other materials).

The mujahidin also captured several Karmal soldiers who were executed after a revolutionary trial.

Another report said that on 30 October the Soviet occupationist forces and the Karmal mercenaries began placing [words indistinct] rockets with a range of 3,000-km at Shindand airfield.

Karachi Reports Attack on Jalalabad Airport

BK130640 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] According to reports from Afghanistan, mujahidin attacked the Jalalabad airport with rockets on Monday and destroyed two cargo planes and a helicopter gunship. The rocket attack continued for about 5 hours. Many airport installations were also destroyed. This was the seventh time that the Jalalabad airport had been attacked with rockets this year.

AFP: Soviet-Afghan Troops Said To Kill 450 Rebels

NC130801 Paris AFP in English 0729 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Nov 13 (AFP) — Soviet and Afghan Government troops massacred more than 450 unarmed Afghan rebels at Hezarajot in central Afghanistan four weeks ago, western diplomatic sources said here today.

The area is northwest of Kabul.

The rebels were entrenched in a fort surrounded by Soviet and government troops and were forced to surrender after their ammunition ran out, the sources said.

They were disarmed and Soviet officers ordered them to be shot down, the diplomats said. As many as 450 died, they added.

The diplomats, who monitor developments in Afghanistan where entry of foreign reporters is restricted, said the massacre took place about four weeks ago but could not give an exact date.

There was no independent confirmation of the report. The Afghan Embassy here refused to comment.

Commentary Scores U.S., Reagan Election Victory

LD131904 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 0735 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] According to international media reports Ronald Reagan, the most savage nuclear hawk of the world of imperialism, was elected U.S. President for the second time.

At the beginning of this year, Reagan announced that he needed another 4 years to accomplish the things he had begun 3 years earlier. For the past 4 years on behalf of the imperialist monopolies, the Reagan administration began reviving the exploitation of workers, creating and expanding networks of weapons of mass destruction, pursuing a harsh and aggressive foreign policy, encroaching on independent countries of the world, extending the arms race to outer space, fanning racial and other prejudices, and arbitrarily following his prejudices during his 4-year rule.

In the area of foreign policy, the Reagan administration pursues a policy of war and militarism. One year ago, on 25 October 1983, the occupying troops of the United States, on Reagan's direct instructions, invaded the independent, free, and nonaligned progressive Grenada; that country is still under occupation without respect or attention to international laws and principles. During the year-long illegal occupation of Grenada, thousands of inhabitants of this country have been mercilessly drowned in blood. The sinister and inhuman conspiracy during the years of occupation under Reagan against countries that have chosen the path of progress and prosperity has been expanded.

Extensive conspiratorial and interfering measures have been taken against the peoples of Grenada, Nicaragua, Cuba, El Salvador, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, Syria, and the DRA. With the help and assistance of the CIA, Afghan and Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries, and dictatorial militarist regimes in Latin America are being trained, armed, and supported. The CIA has several times prepared to murder Daniel Ortega, the leader of revolutionary Nicaragua. Despite the opposition of millions of the people of Europe and the world, the Pershing II and cruise missiles were stationed in Western Europe, and Centcom and the Rapid Deployment Force expanded considerably.

The major characteristic of the first term of the Reagan administration is [word indistinct] policy, the intensification of the arms race, and unreasonableness in international relations. In his second term in office, Ronald Reagan ought to pursue a rational policy with a healthy mind. The change in the international balance of power in the interest of peace and socialism on the one hand, and the participation of millions of human beings in the ranks of peace movements on the other, is a powerful process which responds to the vital demands of the people of the world. The Reagan administration cannot ignore it.

HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SAWR Cited on Election

LD120711 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0512 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Kabul, November 11, BAKHTAR: Commenting on the reelection of Ronald Reagan as U.S. President for the second term, an observer of daily *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E-SAWR* notes that the policy which the chief of U.S. Administration proposes to pursue mean further increase in the meaningless military expenditures at the expense of already impoverished American taxpayers.

Noting that the U.S. Administration annually spends 700 million dollars on war preparations, the commentator recalls that the same time over 13 million people capable to work are unemployed and over 34 million Americans especially the blacks live in poverty.

Reagan administration has been pursuing inhuman policies aimed against the peoples of Nicaragua, Cuba, Grenada, El Salvador, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The commentator stresses that with the help of CIA, counter-revolutionary elements are being given military training and armed to operate against popular governments in Afghanistan, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The intensification of the arms race and the use of the position of strength constituted the major traits of the policies of Reagan

administration in its preceding term. The commentator cites as an example the assassination attempt sponsored by CIA against Daniel Ortega, the leader of Nicaraguan people.

The commentator notes that the change in the balance of power in the interest of peace and socialism and the fact of millions of people joining the ranks of peace movement is indicative of the will of the world people and that U.S. Administration can not ignore it.

HEWAD Cited on U.S. Use of Chemical Weapons

LD120718 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0500 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Kabul, November 11, BAKHTAR: The U.S. imperialism seeks to expand the production of chemical weapons, writes a commentator of daily *HEWAD* today.

The commentary stresses that USA is striving to use such lethal and destructive weapons against a number of developing countries.

As an example, the commentator cites the recent use of the chemical weapons by the Pentagon in the Amazon River basin in northeastern Brazil as a result of which, 700 civilians were killed and two Indian tribes were completely wiped out.

The progressive forces of the world are staging protest demonstrations strongly condemning and denouncing this sinister action of Pentagon. The United States not only does not pay attention to the dangers thus posed to the ecological balance in the developing countries but is also out to use chemical weapons against them.

A number of the non-aligned and socialist countries have put forward a resolution calling for banning the use of chemical weapons at the 39th session of the General Assembly.

As the international situation has become tense as a result of the reckless acts of the United States, it is necessary to ensure peaceful conditions in the world through the prevention of arms race and the banning of chemical weapons. The commentator recalls that the U.S. imperialism had brazenly used chemical weapons in Vietnam and other countries of Indochina. The use of chemical weapons resulted in the killing of thousands of civilians in those areas.

BAKHTAR Cites Daily on Reagan Policies

LD140803 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Text] Kabul, November 13, BAKHTAR: The heinous methods conducted by the Reagan administration against the defence less people of Brazil are reminiscent of those which were used by U.S. imperialists against the Indo-Chinese people, the heroic Vietnamese people in particular. This is stated in an article carried by daily *HAQIQAT-E-ENQELAB-E-SAWR* today. Brazil is the fourth country in Latin America to become the victim of the chemical weapons during the presidency of Reagan. The author of the article recounts as to how the USA used chemical weapons for deforestation and mass-annihilation in Indo-china and adds that Pentagon recently resorted to the use of chemical mass annihilation weapons against El-Salvador, Grenada, Afghanistan and Brazil.

Not being content with the huge stockpiles of U.S. chemical weapons which can already suffocate our planet several times, the USA is now impudently pressurizing its NATO allies to spend billion of dollars for the production of more of these lethal chemical weapons, the article adds.

The article draws attention to the recent appeal of the World Peace Council to the world public opinion and all democratic organizations for demanding an immediate investigation about this criminal act and condemning the perpetrators of this crime.

Daily Calls Pakistan 'Source of Tension'

LD140755 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Text] [no dateline as received] "Pakistan Is a Source of Tension" is the heading of a commentary by Nahid Merdan in daily *HAQIQAT-E-ENQELAB-E-SAWR*.

The commentary reads in part:

The military regime of Pakistan is out to intensify tensions in south and southwest Asia. It has been staging provocations against India and is striving to aggravate the internal situation there after the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Over 1500 extremists Sikhs patronized by the Western espionage networks and Pakistani militarists recently held a meeting in Lahore the centre of Pakistani Punjab where they raised slogans dividing India and establishing the so-called "Khalistan state".

The recent terrorist activity by the bandits in the soil of Pakistan under the direct supervision of CIA poses serious threats against the freedom, independence and territorial integrity of India. This activity entails the danger of another division in the Indian sub-continent.

The dangers created by the policies of Pakistani militarists consistently increases in our region and first of all threaten India and Afghanistan. Pakistan has been increasingly converted into a powerful military base of the U.S. imperialism in the region. The work for the build up of the U.S. military bases in the soil of Pakistan continues intensively.

The existence of camps for the training of mercenaries in the territory of Pakistan aimed at the intensification and continuation of the undeclared war against Afghanistan and India are major cause in destabilizing the conditions in the region.

The recent gatherings of extremist Sikhs in Pakistan in which the creation of the so-called "Khalistan Government-in-Exile" was discussed did not leave any doubt that the recent events in the region and India are directed by the specific western organisations.

PAKISTAN TIMES on Desertion of Karmal Forces

GF091340 Rawalpindi PAKISTAN TIMES in English 29 Oct 84 p 8

[Text] Islamabad, Oct 28: The Afghan regime, through a circular, has asked all the people above the age of 17 to report for military service, according to Radio Tehran.

This step has been taken in view of constant desertion of soldiers from the military and joining the ranks of mujahidin, the radio said last night.

With the increasing intensity in the attacks of the Afghan freedom-fighters on the Soviet-Karmal troops, the Soviet Union has despatched another 40,000 of its troops to Afghanistan in the recent past, it said.

The radio also reported that Afghan freedom-fighters launched an attack on a military post of Karmal regime troops in the rural areas of Kushk last month as a result of which eight Karmal troops were killed while a huge quantity of arms was captured by the Afghan freedom-fighters.

The Afghan freedom fighters launched another attack on the Soviet-Karmal troops in Herat Province. In this attack, a Soviet tank was destroyed and all the persons aboard that tank were killed.

Karachi JASARAT on Mujahidin Operations in Kabul

GF121104 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 6 Nov pp 1, 6

[Text] Islamabad, 5 Nov — Soviet troops, after failing in their long operation in Lowgar Province in Afghanistan against the mujahidin, killed 400 innocent civilians, a majority of them women and children. According to a Western diplomat in Afghanistan, this was another of the Soviet atrocities in the 5 years of their occupation in Afghanistan. The failed operation was mounted to control the strategic Kabul Gardez highway, which the mujahidin have made dangerous for the military convoys. After failing to secure the highway the Soviet troops left Lowgar and moved back to Kabul.

In another operation the mujahidin attacked a government post in Panjsher valley and killed 30 Karmal soldiers and destroyed 10 military trucks. The Soviets are now busy setting up posts at Golbahar near the entrance of the Panjsher valley. The new posts will help to protect the Salang Highway. By blocking this highway the mujahidin disrupt the supply of war material and troops from the Soviet Union to Kabul. According to Western diplomats Kabul City has experienced four rocket attacks by the mujahidin in recent weeks. The attacks were mounted on four successive nights. The most severe attack mounted was one in which mujahidin rockets reduced the eastern part of Kabul City to rubble. The attacks showed that the Karmal administration was losing its grip on the situation.

Soviets To Raise Afghan Orphans in USSR

GF091300 Karachi DAWN in English 7 Nov 84 p 12

[Text] All the young orphans whose parents were killed in the five-year-old civil war in Afghanistan, were flown to the Soviet Union for upbringing for 10 years.

They were sent to the Soviet Union on Tuesday and were seen off at the Kabul Airport by Mehbooba Karmal, wife of the Afghan president, and other top partymen and officials of the ministry of education.

Ershad Chides Opposition for Blocking Elections

BK130745 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Excerpts] The president and chief martial law administrator, Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammad Ershad, has said that priority has been given to the development of power and communications to build up infrastructural support for attaining a quicker pace of development. The president was addressing the first national conference of the Bangladesh Power Development Board's swadhin [independent] trade union federation in Dhaka this afternoon.

Referring to the trend of politics being pursued by some political parties, President Ershad said they have taken recourse to negative approach and politics of intolerance, violence and destruction. The president reiterated his government's firm determination to establish people's democracy and called for united efforts of all to return to democracy through elections in a peaceful manner. He urged the people to build up strong resistance against those who are trying to obstruct the holding of elections to pave the way for transition to democracy.

The president asked the political leaders to speak out their mind in a decent manner and come out with their program enunciating what they want to do for the people. He urged the political parties to help his government's efforts to set a healthy political trend in the country. Let us decide once for all what should be the future of the political and economic system of this country, he added.

Acceptance of 5-Point Demands Urged

BK071451 Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali 5 Nov 84 pp 1, 8

[Excerpts] Mrs Khaleda Zia, chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party [BNP], said that their struggle will continue until their 5-point demands are met and announcement made for the holding of elections under a nonparty and neutral government. She said this when addressing a huge public meeting organized by the BNP Siddhirganj unit at Chittaranjan Cotton Mill grounds on Sunday afternoon.

Referring to the program of a movement adopted at the national convention on 14 October in Dhaka, Khaleda Zia said that a nationwide 24-hour strike will be held on 8 December. If the government does not accept their demands after that, a noncooperation movement will be launched from 9 December.

The BNP leader said there is still time. We want elections. By accepting our demands, power should be returned to the people through the holding of elections.

Calling on the workers for organizing struggle committees in each and every mill and factory, Mrs Zia said that they will have to fight unitedly against atrocities.

She alleged that the present government is pushing the nation to disaster and wants to turn it over to foreigners.

Spokesman Denies Sikh Refugees Enter Country

BK111015 Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali 0900 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Text] A Foreign Office spokesman has categorically denied a report appearing in a section of the local press that Sikh refugees have entered into Bangladesh following the outbreak of Hindu-Sikh riots in India.

The spokesman said that no Sikh refugee has entered Bangladesh after the assassination of the late Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by two Sikh security guards on 31 October.

Information Minister Returns From Pakistan

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[Text] Information Minister Mohammad Shamsul Haq, describing his visit to Pakistan as fruitful, said that the two countries hold identical views on strengthening media cooperation.

He told BANGLADESH SANGBAD SANGSTHA on his return home following a 5-day visit to Pakistan that during his meeting with Pakistani Information Minister Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq, the two sides agreed in principle to increase cooperation in some specific areas of mass media. He said that Bangladesh and Pakistan, as members of the Nonaligned Movement, Islamic Conference Organization, and South Asian Regional Cooperation, held discussion on the possibility of reducing fees for press telegrams. Haq said that Bangladesh and Pakistan agreed to exchange radio and TV programs and journalists.

He said that it has been agreed in principle to send correspondents of the Bangladesh news agency, BANGLADESH SANGBAD SANGSTHA, and the Pakistani news agency, ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN, to Islamabad and Dhaka respectively in a bid to enhance cooperation in mass media sector.

The information minister called on Pakistani President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq during his visit to Islamabad. He also visited Lahore and Karachi.

Document on Trade Expansion Signed With DPRK

BK071217 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 6 Nov 84

[Text] Bangladesh and Democratic People's Republic of Korea signed in Dhaka today an agreed minute on expansion and diversification of trade between the two countries. Commerce Minister Professor M.A. Matin, and the visiting DPRK minister for foreign trade, Mr Choe Chong-kun, signed the agreed minute at the conclusion of their day-long talks. Both the sides also agreed to sign a bilateral shipping agreement with a provision for sharing of carriage on equal basis. Under the agreed minute, Bangladesh will export jute goods, jute carpets, light engineering products, tobacco and tobacco manufacture, shark fin and fish maw, packet tea, handicraft, specialized textiles, hosiery pro-

ducts, sanitaryware, stainless steel cutlery, electric cable, super (?enamel) copper wire, stainless steel razor blade, galvanized iron pipe, pharmaceuticals, ceiling fan, rayon (?and silk) fibers, and cosmetics.

DPRK will export to Bangladesh machine tools, cutting tools, fire bricks, [words indistinct], marble chips, hardwares, ceramics glasswares and chemicals. Both sides agreed to extend the validity of present barter protocol up to 30th June next year and sign a new barter protocol soon. It was agreed that [words indistinct] a major role in future trade between the two countries.

They also agreed to explore possibilities of setting up joint venture industries in Bangladesh.

Delegation Signs Minutes, Departs

BK071733 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 7 Nov 84

[Text] A North Korean trade delegation left Dhaka today after a 3-day visit to Bangladesh. During the visit, the delegation signed an agreed minutes on trade between the two countries.

Rajiv Gandhi Calls for Administrative Efficiency

BK131708 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, today asked the administrative heads of union ministries to inject more speed and efficiency into their workings, modernize their systems, and ensure courtesy toward the public. He was addressing the secretaries numbering about 50 in the union ministries and departments in New Delhi today. Mr Gandhi said that during the tenure of the former prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, India made tremendous strides and became self-reliant. But there have also been many shortcomings and these must be removed.

He referred to his broadcast to the nation last night and said we must improve the quality of both our political life and civil services. There has been unnecessary politicization of administration at all levels and this must be removed. The law and order machinery is much too old fashioned and weakened by interference. Many of the procedures and methods of the government are also archaic. He said it is proposed to set up machinery for redress of grievances, particularly in areas where public come into contact with the government. There will also be a machinery to look into arbitrariness in matters like promotion and transfer. He asked them to examine what steps should be taken in this connection in the context of the proposal to set up administrative tribunals.

The prime minister was particularly concerned that there has been too much regionalization in education and administration. He said the interest of the country as a whole must prevail.

Referring to corruption, the prime minister said this must be rooted out, not only at the highest but also at the lowest level. Each department can devise suitable methods for doing so. About the 20-point program [Indira Gandhi's socio-economic program], he said it has resulted in raising the living standards of many groups of people and there will be more demands.

Earlier, some of the secretaries gave their views to the prime minister on various issues relating to their own departments and the government as a whole.

Congress-I Constitutes Election Committees

BK140350 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Text] The Congress-I president, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has constituted election committees for 10 states. The committees have been asked to submit lists of candidates to the party's parliamentary board. The states or union territories for which election committees have been constituted are Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Orissa, Maharashtra and Mizoram.

The Congress-I president also constituted a coordination committee for West Bengal which will function as an election committee.

Opposition Leaders Welcome Election Announcement

BK131603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] Political parties have welcomed the announcement about the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. The DMKP [Dalit Kissan Mazdoor Party, Downtrodden Farmers and Workers Party] general secretary, Mr S.P. Malaviya, felt that poll dates for Assam and Punjab should have been fixed. The Janwadi Party president, Mr Chandrajit Yadev, said it is good that elections are being held on time. This will create confidence in our parliamentary system. He hoped that elections in Assam and Punjab will be held as soon as possible. The Congress-S general secretary, Mr K.P. Unnikrishnan, said the election commission has done its job. The Congress-J leader, Mr Jagjivan Ram, and the CPI-M general secretary, Mr E.M.S. Namboodripad, said that the announcement is on expected lines.

The All India Congress Committee-I asserted that the announcement has demonstrated that the Congress-I is a democratic party. The party general secretary, Mr Arun Nehru, said that the opposition propaganda about the polls has been proved false.

Communist Party Supports Rajiv on Communalism

BK091629 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 9 Nov 84

[Text] The Indian Communist Party has called upon all the progressive forces to extend their support to the prime minister to curb communalism with a heavy hand. A statement issued by the party general secretary, Acharya Dipankar, said this is necessary for saving the country from external and internal threats.

Conditions for Assam Election Registration Given

BK130352 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] In Assam, intensive revision of electoral rolls is to be taken up from the 19 November instead of 15 November as announced earlier. Official sources said in Gauhati that the conditions for registration of a person in the electoral rolls is that he should be a citizen of India and should of 21 years of age as on 1 January next year.

Pro-Khalistan Activities in Pakistan Protested

BK131631 [illegible] Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] New Delhi feels that the Pakistan Government's permitting an anti-India tirade by the activists of the so-called Khalistan movement has once again been contrary to Islamabad's profession of friendship with India and their claim of following a policy of noninterference.

An official spokesman said in New Delhi today that the Pakistan Government's conduct is totally contrary to the spirit of the

statements made by President Ziaul Haq during his visit to India to attend Mrs Indira Gandhi's funeral. He said the Government of India deeply regrets that a handful of supporters of the so-called Khalistan who had been brought togehter at the [Sikh] holy shrine of Larkana Saheb [in Pakistan] allegedly for a religious pilgrimage were permitted to launch a tirade against India.

Contracy to assurances given by the Pakistan Government, the protagonists of the movement from abroad were permitted and even encouraged to make inflammatory speeches in Larkana Saheb and later at Lahore. They were allowed to indulge in political activities hostile to India, hold meetings on Wednesday and Friday and freely distribute video and audio cassettes of objectionable speeches glorifying the assassins of Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The Government of India liaison officers accompanying the [Indian] pilgrims were harassed and one of them was even physically assaulted. There were an exchange of [word indistinct] between a Cabinet minister of the Pakistan Government and the Khalistan activists.

The spokesman said that pilgrims from India showed remarkable restraint. The pilgrims had gone to Larkana Saheb in Lahore on occasion of the Guru Nanak's birth anniversary.

Police Surround Pakistani Opposition Leader's House

BK101622 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Text] In Pakistan, more than 50 armed police today surrounded the house of the president of the Pakistan People's Party, Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, in Karachi to prevent him from going on a tour of the southern Sind Province.

The military government, which has promised elections by next March, has been making frequent use of its power to ban internal travel to keep opposition politicians from organizing a planned election boycott.

PATRIOT Reports Background of Gandhi's Assassins

BK091215 Delhi PATRIOT in English 1 Nov 84 p 1

[By special correspondent]

[Text] The sinister conspiracy to assassinate Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had been hatched even before the Army action at the Golden Temple, but its detailed planning apparently took place over the past three or four weeks, it is learnt.

The security apparatus, stunned into paralysis, is only now piecing together indications and unusual developments that had taken place in the security structure that normally surrounds the prime minister of the country.

The infiltration of the security ring was done obviously with the connivance of someone, and it would seem that there were serious lapses in the screening of the jawans [soldiers].

There had been sustained press reports in recent days pointing to the fact that funds were being received to suborn government servants in sensitive and security postings, and that over the past two years, there had been a systematic infiltration of extremists into the police and defence forces. Despite this, thorough screening was not done of the staff on duty or the new staff periodically brought in from units of the Delhi police, the Delhi armed police and other organisations.

Security itself had been tightened after June, and once again about a week ago when it was confirmed that assassins had been trained recently in Pakistan and had been sent to Delhi to dog the steps of Mrs Gandhi and her family.

And yet sources point out many questions that need an urgent answer. Among them:

Sub inspector Beant Singh of the Delhi Police, who has been associated with the security ring for eight years, is a close relative of Harrinder Singh, the foreign service officer posted at Oslo who defected and said he would work for Khalistan. Beant Singh was the man who fired the first shot at Mrs Gandhi, from his pistol. He is from Chandigarh, recruited in 1972.

He had been removed from the prime minister's security in 1982. He was brought back into the unit only a few months back, and had reportedly pleaded to come back. He was posted in the peripheral security ring. His behaviour on Wednesday was also very suspicious, sources say. Normally officials using sidearms keep their service revolvers or pistols in the leather or canvas holster. Beant Singh had his pistol in his hand since morning.

It was he who obviously picked the place for the assassination, catching Mrs Gandhi when she was the most vulnerable and for a brief second, alone.

The story of constable Satwant Singh is even more intriguing. He was recruited in 1982. He is from Baba Dera Nanak in Gurdaspur district which since 1982 has been one of the strongholds of extremists. He was posted in the second battalion of the Delhi Armed Police [DAP]. The norms tenure of service in the DAP is four years, a rule that is almost never broken for a man so new in his carrier.

Satwant Singh apparently is close to some senior officials, sources say, and used them to pressurise the authorities for a posting into the security system. Surprisingly, the posting was granted. He was posted outside the prime minister's house. On Tuesday morning, he was brought inside the prime minister's house compound. He was armed with a TMB carbine which has a magazine of 30 rounds.

How a man with an extremist connection and a very new guard with an unproven background managed to be inside the compound at the same time remains a mystery.

The state borders have been sealed this morning. The security system for the new prime minister has been drastically changed with Armed Forces and people beyond reproach pressed into service. New senior police officers of Delhi are also being investigated, but the entire enquiry is being kept very secret. The Home Ministry is expected to come out with some details on Thursday.

An examination of the security arrangements that attend the prime minister, as well as other leaders, hints that not only intelligence, but also the Delhi Police, and right on top, the Home Ministry may have to answer for what has happened.

Zia Receives 'Good Letter' From Reagan

GF100759 Rawalpindi PAKISTAN TIMES in English 31 Oct 84 p 1

[Text] Quetta, Oct. 30 — President Mohammad Ziaul Haq told newsmen here today that he had received a "good letter" from U.S. President Reagan. He said that reports about its contents had come out in the national papers based on matters emanating from the United States. He, however, said that he did not deem it proper to divulge the contents of the letters exchanged between the heads of the state, which are considered secret and confidential.

JANG on President's Remarks on Cooperation With India

GF121017 Lahore JANG in Urdu 3 Nov 84 p 3

[Editorial: "New Offer of Cooperation With India"]

[Excerpt] General Ziaul Haq, president of Pakistan, has said he believes that in order to usher in an era of faith and mutual trust between Pakistan and India, the new government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will fully back their leader's objective.

In a message to the new Indian prime minister, Gen Ziaul Haq said that Mr Rajiv Gandhi had assumed the office of the prime minister under very tragic circumstances and that his personal grief has been overcome by the duties imposed on him by his office, which aims at working for the welfare of the Indian people. The president of Pakistan also assured the Indian prime minister of his cooperation in fulfilling his duties.

In a recent interview the Pakistan foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, also expressed the hope that Pakistan will strive to narrow the differences existing between India and Pakistan.

On this occasion, if the Indian leadership showed maturity of vision, a new basis for an era of cooperation can be laid between Pakistan and India. This would be for the good of millions of peoples in the sub-continent. It is hoped that the Indian leadership will make use of this opportunity and forget the bitterness of the past. This will give a positive reply to the offers of friendship made by Pakistan and thus usher in a new era of peace and amity.

Karachi Reports PRC President's Thanks to Zia

BK111055 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Text] The Chinese president, Li Xiannian, has expressed confidence that friendly relations and cooperation between China and Pakistan will be further developed with the passage of time.

In a message to the president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, the Chinese president expressed his heartfelt gratitude at the enthusiastic and friendly hospitality accorded him during his brief stopover in Karachi on his way to Spain.

Commanders Briefed on Military Exercise

BK121750 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Senior Army and naval commanders visited the headquarters of Southern Air Command in Karachi today. They were briefed on the conduct of exercise Jetstream 1984.

Hijackers Sentenced to Death for 1981 Incident

GF091302 Karachi DAWN in English 7 Nov 84 p 1

[Excerpts] Karachi, Nov. 6: Four persons were awarded death sentence and the fifth got 14 years imprisonment by a special military court in Karachi on Tuesday for their involvement in the hijacking of the PIA plane to Kabul and then to Damascus in March 1981.

The trial was held at the central prison, Karachi, and lasted about one year.

The court announced its verdict on Tuesday and after the judgement, all the four condemned prisoners were removed to death cells.

Mr Murtaza Bhutto, son of the former prime minister, and the three hijackers of the PIA plane, were declared absconders in the same case.

The five convicts were arrested following hectic investigations. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also recovered on their indication.

Iran Constructing 750-Mile Long Road Along Border

GF121156 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 10 Nov 84 p 12

[Text] Turbat, Mekran, 8 Nov — Iran is constructing a 750-mile-long road along the Pakistan border which will remain open year-round and will be located between Rabat and Javli along the area which comprises the border between the two countries.

This was revealed by the commissioner, Mekran division, at a press conference in the Punjab, and reported by an English newspaper in Lahore. He said that the real intention of the Iranian Government for the construction of this road is not known, but heavy machinery — normally used for road repair — is being used.

He added that this matter was raised at meetings held from time to time between representatives of the two countries. Iran had said that it was for wiping out bandits.

SRI LANKA

Delhi: Jaywardene Appeals for India's Cooperation

BK091625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Nov 84

[Text] The Sri Lanka president, Mr Jayewardene, has appealed for India's cooperation in solving the ethnic problem in his country. In a statement in Colombo, he said he looked forward to work together with India to resolve the problem of terrorism in the future. Meanwhile, a political conference on Sri Lanka's ethnic unrest which was to begin next week has been postponed to the 17th of next month. An official spokesman said that this is to enable the completion of information discussion and preparation of documents.

Eelam Group Wants 'Communist Revolutionary State'

BK111121 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Text] Terrorists belonging to the Eelam organization have said that their aim is not to establish a separate state but to institute a communist revolutionary state in Sri Lanka. A group of terrorists of this organization is now at the Vavuniya joint services special operations headquarters.

The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, who visited the detention cells there yesterday, said that their determination was to see a quick revolution. The minister told them that it was an impossible task. Solutions to problems should be found through negotiations and not by weapons. Government will never allow the terrorists to achieve their objective.

Mr Athulathmudali, who earlier inspected the Batticaloa prison, had discussions with the terrorists. Later, he said that it was the duty of every citizen to bring to the notice of the authorities any acts of violence in the country.

The minister will take part in several functions in the southern province today.

Athulathmudali on Tamil Nadu Aid to Terrorists

BK121201 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Excerpt] The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, has said that measures will be taken to stop all assistance that the northern terrorists are receiving from Tamil Nadu. The minister, who was speaking at Palangala in Hiniduma, said that action had already been taken to stop the aid that the terrorist movement received from other countries.

Mr Athulathmudali said that he had spoken to several terrosist suspects and that it was now clear that the single purpose of certain terrorists is the setting up of a communist state in Sri Lanka.

The minister said that despite their intention, the terrorists have no understanding of Marxism and its basic principles. There is disunity among the various terrorist groups. He added that if the people are united in a single front, this menace could be eradicated. He said that the battle against terrorism is a battle against violence.

Speaking further, Mr Athulathmudali said that problems cannot be solved through arms and ammunition, but through discussion. He gave the guarantee that peace and freedom will be established in the country if we act with patience and adopt a realistic attitude in order to suppress terrorism.

Official Discusses Terrorist Organizations

BK101313 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Text] It has been established that the EROS [Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students] arms of the terrorist group of the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students was responsible for the spate of bomb blasts in the city of Colombo. [sentence as heard] Following investigations carried out so far, the bomb blast at the Oberoi hotel, the placing of bombs near the oil pipelines at the Bloemendhal road and the series of bomb explosions in the city on the 2d of October were all the work of this organization although they had not claimed responsbility for the attacks.

According to Dr Wickema Weerasooriya, secretary of the Ministry of Plan Implementation, several persons have been questioned following all these incidents but no one has so far been arrested. He told a news conference at the Defense Ministry yesterday that the EROS comprised militant youths and students. It was a mixture of all other terrorist organizations. He described this organization as a Marxist-oriented group. It is allegedly led by a person called Ellia Thambia Ratna Sabhapati. Ellia Thambia Ratna Sabhapati is also alleged to have (?helped) Uma Maheshwaran, who was trained in Lebanon in 1979. The organization is backed by persons trained in Tamil Nadu. It also has connections with the EPRLF, that is, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization [TELO]. The EPRLF is the organization that claimed responsibility for the Allens' kidnapping.

Dr Weerasooriya also revealed that on 6 November the Army based at Kurunagalle had raided a TELO hideout close to a place called Nakshiman Kovillary and arrested several persons. They recovered a large stock of arms and ammunition.

Answering a question as to what measures the government has taken to ensure security of public buildings and other strategic places, Dr Weerasooria said that wide publicity was given on television and radio on how the public should cooperate in tackling this menace. No one could ensure a complete security, he said, unless the people were security conscious. The Cabinet of ministers has decided that all ministries hould be responsible for the security of all institutions coming under their jurisdiction.

Colombo on Killing of 5 Terrorists in Jaffna

BK101045 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Text] Five terrorists were killed and 34 bystanders injured when an Army patrol was attacked yesterday. The Army patrol was proceeding to defuse a bomb. The terrorists attacked with bombs and gunfire from the top-story of a building on Kutchery Road in Jaffna.

According to reports there was an exchange of fire between the terrorists and the security forces. Reports said that some soldiers were injured and are being treated at the Army medical center. Another report said that an armed gang of terrorists had removed the body of one of those killed in the attack.

Army Foils Attack on Television Transmitter

BK111101 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Excerpt] A terrorist group yesterday attempted to attack the Roopabahini [television] transmitting station at Pidrutalagala. The Army guards on duty foiled the attempt. The Army fired at the terrorists and a soldier was killed and three others injured. They had been admitted to the Nuwara Eliya hospital.

The incident occurred at about 2330 last night. It is reported that an armed gang of about 25 was involved. Bombs containing gelignite and dynamite have been planted near three of the four pillars at the transmitting station. But a spokesman for the Nuwara Eliya police told the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation today that they did not explode.

A high-level police delegation is now conducting investigation.

According to the Sri Lanka Roopabahini Corporation, no damage has been caused to the Pidrutalagala transmitter.

Suspects Held

BK121119 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Excerpt] Three suspects have been taken in for questioning in connection with the abortive attempt to blow up the main television transmitting tower located at the Pidrutalagala in the hill country. The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, confirmed this report early this morning.

A massive search operation was launched following the Saturday night attack on the transmitting station by terrorists. A team of army and police officials were conducting combing out operations and were on the lookout for the attackers, some of whom were believed to have been wounded.

Khamene'i Sends Message to OAU Leader

LD132253 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the republic, has sent a message to Mr Julius Nyerere, president of the 20th OAU conference convening in Addis Ababa. The message in part says: The convening of the conference of OAU leaders is an appropriate opportunity for me to extend my felicitations and beseech God Almighty to grant success to this organization in adopting resolutions aimed at safeguarding the demands of the deprived, oppressed peoples of Africa and at cutting off the hands of both East and West.

In another part of the message, he added: Africa's struggles and problems, headed by the struggle against the racist South African regime, are among the important issues of the world of Islam, too. Deprivation and racism — two dangerous demons which continue to squeeze Africa thanks to the intervention and wishes of global arrogance — are eternal targets of the struggle of those who obey the message of Islam and sincerely follow its path.

In his message Mr Khamene'i added: The usurping, racist Zionist regime has recently adopted new policies aimed at breaking out of isolation. It has begun extensive efforts toward stabilizing its position in international forums and extending its hegemonistic relations with countries. This is the same policy that is noticeable in the programs of the racist South African regime.

In another part of his message Mr Khamene'i emphasized: There is no doubt that, if these moves do not receive attention right now and if effective steps are not taken against their development, these two racist, occupationist regimes will shortly expand their influence in the region with the backing of the U.S.

The message concludes with the wish that the session will be fruitful and that the OAU will be strengthened.

Velayati Receives Yugoslav Ambassador

LD101655 Tehran IRNA in English 1615 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Tehran, Nov. 10, IRNA — The Yugoslav ambassador to Tehran, Edward Kljun, in a meeting with the foreign affairs minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, here today presented a verbal message from the Yugoslav president Veselin Djuranovic to President 'Ali Khamene'i of Iran.

During the meeting issues related to the Non-aligned Movement, Palestine and Lebanon were discussed. Velayati stressed that member countries of the Non-aligned Movement should take measures to further strengthen the movement. He also said that it was the responsibility of member countries to cooperate and solve problems of Third World countries.

On the situation in Lebanon, Velayati said that the Islamic Republic of Iran was against any compromise with the Zionist regime in Lebanon. The only language the Zionist regime understood is that of force and people of Lebanon are aware of this, he said. Therefore, they would continue their struggle against the occupiers, Velayati concluded.

Foreign Ministry Denies Allegations on UN Visit

GF140620 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Text] The Iranian Foreign Ministry has strongly denied claims by the Western mass media concerning Iran's desire to delay a trip by a UN fact-finding mission to Iran. An IRNA report cites the Foreign Ministry under secretary for international affairs:

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to adhere to the conditions it has announced in this respect. The UN delegation should go to Iraq first. Following an investigation of the conditions of the Iranian POW's and thousands of missing people, most of whom are civilians, it should then come to the Islamic Republic of Iran to investigate the condition of Iraqi POW's.

The Foreign Ministry official added: Following the publication of a [word indistinct] and false report concerning the incident in the Iraqi POW camp in Gorgan, Iran announced immediately that it would welcome a trip by a UN delegation to review the condition of Iraqi prisoners in Iran; Iranian standards are far higher than the international standards outlined in the 1949 Geneva Convention. However, considering the repeated violations of the convention by Iraq in its treatment of Iranian prisoners, the trip by the delegation to Iran should take place after a trip to Iraq. He referred to the Iraqi Zionist regime's propaganda motives in raising the issue of the incident at the Gorgon Iraqi POW camp to the international level — it is an attempt to divert public opinion from its barbaric crime of using chemical weapons against Iranian soldiers. He said: The latest move by the Iraqi regime in raising the issue of the POW's at a time when the investigation of Iraq's use of chemical weapons is on the UN General Assembly agenda is not new. The people of the world have repeatedly witnessed such propaganda ploys by the Zionist regime of Iraq.

Montazeri on Nature of Intelligence Work

LD101305 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Excerpt] Minister of Information Reyshahri met with Grand Ayatollah Montazeri yesterday. During the meeting Grand Ayatollah Montazeri again stressed the delicate and sensitive nature of intellgience work and pointed out that is based both on respect and necessity. In order to draw the line between the two it is necessary to appoint only those who, in addition to having religious and moral qualifications, are wise, competent, and strong and are never under influence of personal feelings, excessiveness, and harshness.

On the same issue, he stressed: The principles and aims from our point of view are the maintenance of Islam and the revolution's values. In pursuance of investigations and during follow-up operations, or in protection of the country's and people's security, we must not act in such a manner, that God forbid, Islam and the revolution's values will be harmed and people become disillusioned.

Concluding his remarks, he stressed the need for full cooperation between the intelligence ministry and the judiciary.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,910

LD131555 Tehran IRNA in English 1507 GMT 13 Nov 84

[Text] Tehran, Nov. 13, IRNA — At least 32 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded when their activities and fire were checked by the Muslim combatants of Iran in the northwestern and western theaters over the 24 hours preceding Tuesday, according to the 1,910th communique of the Joint Staff Command of the Islamic Republic's Armed Forces issued the same day.

During fire exchanges between the two sides throughout the northwestern operation regions, the enemy rallying points and fortifications were subjected to the Iranian defenders' fire which destroyed six group bunkers killing or wounding 12 Iraqi soldiers.

Iraqi tank and artillery positions in the western fronts came under the Islamic forces' fire killing or wounding 20 enemy troops as well as smashing an engineering vehicle and two armament emplacements and halting all their activities during the said period.

Also, according to the communique, Iran's Muslim forces prevented enemy patrols from carrying out any penetration mission in the Sumar front of Bakhtaran Province.

Further down, in the southern theater, the Iranian troops checked enemy logistic and engineering operations, while heavier fire exchanges persisted in the Shahrani and Sayd regions.

Also, the fire of the Islamic combatants brought the Iraqi vehicle movements to a halt on the Al-Faw-Basra axis.

The communique further said that the Iraqi long-range artillery fire damaged six homes in Abadan and two more buildings in the residential areas of Khorramshah over Monday.

Majlis Bill To Send All Doctors to War Fronts

LD120723 Tehran IRNA in English 0622 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Tehran, Nov. 11, IRNA — The Majlis here today approved a bill according to which all doctors and those working in medical fields should work in the war zones for a month a year as long as the war goes on.

The bill, which is pending approval of the Council of Guardians to be executed, said that the Health Ministry will decide the place of service of the medical staff and will pay them for their services.

Those exempted are: medical staff suffering from illness which has to be approved by the ministry, those over the age of 55 and also the female married medical staff.

According to the bill, those who violate it will be prevented from practicing their profession as long as they have not completed their service at the war fronts. Furthermore, those working for the government or related organisation will be persecuted [as received] in accordance with administrative regulations. In addition, the violaters will not be allowed to leave the country during the period that they are banned from working.

Dispatch of Fighters to War Fronts Continues

Youth Volunteers, Clergy

GF100615 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 10 Nov 84

[Text] The departure of our country's ubiquitous, brave youths to the fronts of right against wrong for confrontation with the enemies of Islam and to provide help to other valiant combatants continues on a large scale. During the past few days, a large group of noble mobilization and Islamic Revolution Guards' members of the Kohkiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad Province and the cities of Karaj, Gorgan, Quchan, Shiraz, Arak, and Shahr-e Kord left for the fronts of the war against the Zionist enemy.

In addition, on the evening of the Arba'in [40th day of mourning] of the lord of martyrs and the leader of the freedom lovers of the world, Abu 'Abdullah Hoseyn — peace be upon him — and the last 10 days of the month of Safar [lunar calendar], a large group of the dedicated clergymen of the Qom theological seminary left for the fronts of battle of light against darkness amid a warm send-off by the people.

A group of clergymen of the Imam Sadeq theological seminary of the Borujerd District also left yesterday after Friday prayers for the fronts of the imposed war, to assist the heretic-battling army of monotheism. They were accorded an enthusiastic send-off by the martyr-nurturing hezbollahi residents of the Borujerd District.

During this time, a group of volunteer brothers who are masons, workers, welders, helpers, drivers, and other professionals in the technical and service fields left for the fronts of monotheism to participate in reconstruction activities on behalf of the reconstruction headquarters of the Districts of Mashhad, Torbat-e Heydarieh, Quchan, and Neyshabur and the aid units of the Arak Red Crescent.

Fighters, Support Personnel

LD111158 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Text] The large-scale dispatch of the Islamic fighters to battlefronts of the imposed war continues in various parts of our Islamic homeland. During the past few days, another group of brave defenders of the Islamic Revolution left their homes in the cities of Neyshabur, Birjand, Torbat-e Heydariyeh, Quchan, Shirvan, Qa'en, Shahrud, Kordkuy, Aqqola, Zarrinshahr, Kerman, Zabol, and Yazd to assist the Islamic combatants on the battlefronts of the war of right against wrong. In these cities the always supportive people held warm send-off ceremonies for these warriors.

A group of logistic and supply forces, including drivers, plumbers, mechanic, welders, builders, cooks and bakers were also dispatched to the war zones yesterday by the police force of Semnan Province. According to the Central News Unit, during the past two days a group of students from Al-Quds Technical College in Qom left this college for Shush in order to help in the reconstruction of the regions damaged by the imposed war.

Bushehr Volunteers

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[Text] The large-scale departure of the noble forces of Bushehr Province to the fronts of faith versus Saddam Husayn's apostasy continues. According to the Central News Unit, a group of heroic mobilization members of Dashtestan district left for the battle-fronts yesterday afternoon from the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps base to join the ranks of the Islamic combatants. They shouted theslogan: War, War Till Victory! Family members as well as the residents of Borazjan were present and gave them a warm send-off.

New Delhi Muslim Leader Contiues Visit

Comments on India's Muslims

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[Text] Tehran, Nov. 12, IRNA — Friday prayers leader of New Delhi's Jame' mosque Imam Seyyed Abdullah Bokhari here Sunday said that both the U.S. and Soviet superpowers had created an extensive front vis-a-vis the Muslims.

In an interview with IRNA, Maulana Bokhari, currently visiting the Islamic Republic, outlined the Muslims' status in India, Islamic movement in Afghanistan, the role Muslims played in confronting the Zionist regime, and the Iraqi-imposed war on Iran.

On Indian Muslims he said that the 150-million-plus Muslim population in India had been experiencing oppression since the independence of India 37 years ago.

Imperialism together with foreign intrigues, would engineer provocations against Muslims once in a while and sow discord among them threatening their security and property.

He stressed that such instigations were not engineered by Hindus, but by foreign powers and organisations which were involved in such incidents.

Referring to the status of Muslims in India, Maulana Bokhari noted that they held only 1.5 percent of the seats in parliament, and that Muslims stood little chance of being employed in organisations.

He added that attempts were underway to inject into the minds of Indian people as well as world public opinion the idea that Indian Muslims were culturally, politically, and economically backward.

Noting that Indian Muslims were not satisfied with the present political trend in that country, especially the Congress Party of the late prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Maulana Bokhari said that the party ignored all its promises made to Indian Muslims, although it received their votes in the 1980 elections.

He said that future programmes of Indian Muslims in connection with India's policy would be announced later.

On situation in Afghanistan he said that Muslim Afghans were continuing their brave fight against a big and equipped power and were achieving new victories every day.

On Islamic movement in Lebanon, Maulana Bokhari said that the Zionist regime was created by imperialist powers, adding that in the same way Indian Muslims supported Muslim people of Afghanistan, they would back Muslim movement in Lebanon as well.

Commenting on the Iraqi-imposed war on Iran, the New Delhi Friday prayers leaders expressed the hope that an atmosphere would be created to put an end to the war.

He said that he had planned to visit Iran since two and a half years ago but it was postponed due to domestic problems.

He noted that he was highly impressed by strong feelings of Iranians towards religion and their faith in Islam.

Tours Khuzestan Province

LD121746 Tehran IRNA in English 1705 GMT 12 Nov 84

[Text] Ahvaz, Nov. 12, IRNA — Leader of the Friday mass prayers of New Delhi's Jame' mosque, Imam Seyyed Abdullah Bokhari is in Khuzestan Province of Iran for an inspaction of the remains of buildings and residential areas shattered by the Iraqi shelling since the outbreak of the war.

After his arrival here today and in his talks with a group of welcoming officials, among them the leader of the Friday mass prayers of Ahvaz, Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi Jazayeri, he addressed himself to Muslim masses throughout the world calling on them to solidify their ranks in a united struggle against blasphemy.

In response the leader of the Friday mass prayers of Ahvaz assured the leader of New Delhi's Jame' mosque that as Muslims triumphed over the enemies of Islam in the Battle of Badr at the time of Prophet Mohammad, so will Iran's Muslim combatants eventually triumph in their defence for expelling Iraqi Ba'thist troops from Iran.

He also called on the visiting mass prayers leader to inform the Indian people of the tyrannical acts upon the Iranian people by the ruling regime in Baghdad.

Later in the day, Maulana Seyyed Abdullah Bokhari left here for Abadan, and inspected remains of wrecked equipment of the Iraqi troops left on two sides of the road since the Samenol-A'emeh counter-attack against the Iraqis, September, 1981.

Grieves Over Iraqi Destruction

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[Text] Ahvaz, Nov. 12, IRNA — The Friday prayers leader of New Delhi's Jame' mosque said he had once attempted mediation in the imposed Iraqi war but after touring the destroyed Iranian cities he no longer considered such action advisable.

Expressing grief over the destroyed ports of Khorramshah and Abadan, Maulana Seyyed Abdullah Bokhari said it was not possible to forgive Iraq for the crimes committed against the Muslim nation of Iran.

"I am deeply grieved at witnessing such destruction," he said, and prayed that God would keep humans from committing such crimes.

While the Indian prayers leader was visiting the war-stricken southern cities, Iraqi artillery fire hit the area.

Clandestine Radios on Tudeh Trial Postponement

Radio Nejat-e Iran

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[Text] Following a warning to the mullahs by the Soviet Union, the rulers of Tehran have again bowed to Moscow's pressures and have delayed the trial of the main leaders of the Tudeh Party. The trial of Kianuri, Amuie, and other influential members of the Tudeh Party was supposed to start tomorrow in Tehran. As we have informed you in our newscasts in the past few days, the game that Tehran's regime is playing with the spy pawns of the northern neighbors continues in the capital.

According to our correspondent, the regime of mullahs announced last night, without giving any reason, that the trial of the members of the Tudeh Party Central Committee who have been in prison now for 21 months on charges of espionage for the Soviet Union has been postponed. This resulted after a sudden meeting between the charge d'affaires of the Soviet Embassy in Tehran and the deputy foreign minister of Khomeyni's regime. This meeting occurred yesterday afternoon. It is said in the Foreign Ministry that the Soviet ambassador had asked for a meeting with the foreign minister of the regime but was unable to attend; the charge d'affaires instead met Khomeyni's deputy foreign minister. He gave Velayati's deputy a verbal message from Moscow for the officials of the Tehran regime. Diplomatic sources in Tehran report that Moscow's message was a strongly worded warning by the northern neighbor to Khomeyni himself in connection with the trial of the Tudeh leaders.

National Voice of Iran

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[Unattributed commentary: "Why Are They Postponing the Trial of Members of the Iranian Tudeh Party's Leadership?"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: As you are aware, about a week ago, that is on 7 November, the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran's leaders announced that an open trial of members of the Iranian Tudeh Party's leadership will be held Monday, 12 November, at Evin prison in the presence of domestic and foreign correspondents. However, 4 days after the announcement of this report by the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran — which without doubt had been approved by high authorities of the Islamic Republic — Mr Musavi-Ardabili, head of the judicial branch and president of the tyranny-stricken court, announced that the trial of leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party will be delayed for an indefinite period.

What is the reason for the recent decision by the Islamic leadership to postpone the trial of leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party? Mr Musavi-Ardabili did not give the people any reason. This is neither accidental nor surprising, chiefly because this leadership does not attach any value to public opinion nor does it have any regard for the Iranian people. What can a leadership which relies on force, the club, and the gallows, have in common with public opinion? In addition, the reason for the Islamic leadership's decision to postpone or perhaps never to have an open trial of leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party in the presence of domestic and foreign correspondents, should be sought in the alarm of this bloody, lawbreaking, and hypocritical regime at the probable disclosure of crimes and atrocities at this trial.

If no one else knows, at least the leaders of the Islamic regime — from the Velayat-e Faqih to the security guards and the SAVAK-like mullahs, such as the Lajvardis — know that the dreadful medieval and modern crimes they committed to produce those disgusting shows of so-called confessions and admissions will be exposed. If no one else knows, the leaders of the Islamic regime know that their executioners eliminated some of the Iranian Tudeh Party's cadres under torture, and subjected others to such prolonged torture and torment that merely their presence in an open trial would be enough to convict the Islamic regime's criminal leaders. If no one else knows, the leaders of the Islamic regime know that if one can charge leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party with an offense, this so-called offense is their unstinting and sincere support for Iran's workers, peasants, and deprived working people, and their steadfast defense of the popular anti-imperialist goals of the Iranian nation's revolution.

During the short period of the Iranian Tudeh Party's overt activity, our homeland's people, particularly workers and peasants, observed in practice how this party defended with all its might the just interests of workers. For this reason, too, this regime is afraid of holding an open trial attended by domestic and foreign correspondents. In principle, as far as this regime — which is the foe of freedom — is concerned, universally accepted ethical and legal mores are inconsequential. Notice that from the very beginning of the implementation of the bloody plot against members and leaders of the Iranian Tudeh Party, rulers of the Islamic Republic of Iran violated all ethical, humanitarian and legal mores. Leaders of this regime do not even care for laws that they themselves have enacted, including the constitution.

As we have repeatedly stated, if the Islamic regime of Iran and its leaders attach the slightest credence to their claims, they should agree to the holding of a competent and open trial in the presence of foreign and domestic correspondents, neutral international delegations and medical specialists, and to respect the legal right of the accused to choose defense attorneys. Any measure other than this will confirm the historical crime of the leaders and founders of the Islamic Republic, and no incantation, cloak or turban, bead or demagoguery, will acquit them in the Iranian nation's court of conscience.

Bandar-e Lengeh Midterm Elections Postponed
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[Text] According to the Free Voice of Iran correspondent, the second round of the Islamic Majlis' midterm elections which was scheduled to be held for the second time in Bandar-e Lengeh district has been postponed.

It is said that due to increasing tension in this district and the nonparticipation of the people in the rigged-up elections of the Khomeyni regime, the Interior Ministry was forced to suspend the elections. Several months ago the people attacked the guards in Bandar-e Lengeh, stripped them of their arms, and took control of the city for a while.

The real reason for the suspension of the elections in Bandar-e Lengeh for the mullahs' Majlis is the continued unrest in this district. According to reports, most of the people in this port are against the convening of sham elections by the regime and are angry over spiraling prices, inflation, and shortages.